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Sens spoil Capitals day



President Barack Obama, the newly sworn-in 44th president of the United States, waves as he and his wife Michelle walk down Pennsylvania Avenue during the inaugural parade yesterday in Washington, D.C. JIM YOUNG/REUTERS

Spirit of change

History's chain broke awkwardly yesterday, a few minutes later than advertised, a few crucial words shy of correct.

When Barack Hussein Obama and Chief Supreme Court Justice John Roberts finally got the 35 words to the oath of office right — the chief justice muddled the oath, while Obama waited and smiled — the date with destiny was complete.

Every colour. Every country, too, represented in the frozen masses assembled on the National Mall outside the west front of the

U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. And a billion more, on television and online, the world over.

It was arguably the most joyous gathering in U.S. history, three kilometres of humanity, a mesmerizing flurry of flags and smiles.

A race card turned, a legacy trumped — and America made sense again. Different sense. Better sense.

A hush fell. More words — 17 minutes of words. And the Poet-in-Chief hit every mark.

Too many marks, surely. It was a speech that was in-

United States Presidential Inauguration

tended as all things to all people. Those who came wanting to hear Obama claim Martin Luther King Jr.'s promised land left with the mountaintop unmentioned. Perhaps what you can see speaks for itself.

For America, he both promised and demanded renewal. For the world, a hand outstretched. For the Muslim world, a fresh start. "Starting today," he said,

"we must pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and begin the work of remaking America."

However the next four years unfold, the reality is that a child born today, black or white or otherwise, will grow up taking this day as a matter of fact.

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Full text/video of the inauguration address on metronews.ca/world

Inauguration Quotes

A collection of quotes on Barack Obama's inauguration:

"We also send our warmest wishes to our American neighbours as they celebrate this historic day with their friends around the world ... The United States remains Canada's most important ally, closest friend and largest trading partner and I look forward to working with President Obama and his administration as we build on this special relationship."

— PM STEPHEN HARPER,
IN A WRITTEN STATEMENT

"A new page in the history of civilizations is being written before our very eyes, fulfilling the wishes of so many youths, women and men, from every background and every creed, to see our world become more just and more human."

— GOV. GEN MICHAËL JEAN

"Your election to this high office has inspired people as few other events in recent times have done."

— SOUTH AFRICA'S NELSON MANDELA

"At a time when so many of our brothers and sisters throughout the world yearn for liberation from the scourge of poverty, hunger and violence, I pray that you will be confirmed in your resolve to promote understanding, co-operation and peace among the nations."

— POPE BENEDICT XVI,
IN A TELEGRAM TO OBAMA

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NCC board meeting open to the public

The public is invited to attend the National Capital Commission's board of directors meeting tomorrow. The open meeting, which starts at 1 p.m. at the Westin Hotel ballroom, is designed to enhance openness and transparency. **METRO OTTAWA**

Local



Raising money for Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Society of Ottawa and Renfrew County is holding its annual Manulife Walk for Memories inside the Carlingwood Shopping Centre this Sunday. The walk, which is held from 10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., marks Alzheimer's Awareness Month and supports the estimated 12,000 people in Ottawa and Renfrew with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. A minimum donation of \$25 per participant is required.

METRO OTTAWA

We will not break: Cornellier

Union boss says mechanics will not go back to work until a deal is done

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Not one member among the 2,300 striking OC Transpo employees will go back to work without everybody going in, said union president Andre Cornellier.

On the weekend, city council requested that mechanics be allowed to return to get buses ready to run when the strike finally ends.

Yesterday, at a rally on the ATU picket line in front of the OC Transpo headquarters, Cornellier said the union would not play along with the city's attempt to "divide and conquer."

"To suggest that we are going to let mechanics cross our own picket line is unbelievable. They want us to bust our own union," he said.

Alain Mercier, the general manager of OC Transpo, suggested they may have to lay off around 500 workers during the first few weeks when service resumes, because there



Flanked by ATU international vice-president Randy Graham, left, and CUPE national president Paul Moist, right, ATU 279 president Andre Cornellier speaks to striking OC Transpo employees at a rally yesterday in front of the OC Transpo Headquarters on Belfast Road.

will not be enough road-ready buses for them to drive.

ATU International vice-president Randy Graham told those gathered not to

be bothered by those comments.

"The idea that people will be laid off because you are on strike, they should be ashamed of

themselves," he said. "The tactics used in this strike are unbelievable."

Graham accused OC Transpo of mismanagement for having so many

"To suggest that we are going to let mechanics cross our own picket line is unbelievable. They want us to bust our own union."

Andre Cornellier,
union president

buses out of service before the strike.

Canadian Union of Public Employees joined striking OC Transpo employees on the picket lines for a day of solidarity yesterday.

CUPE national president Paul Moist presented Cornellier with a cheque for \$5,000 to go toward the ATU strike fund and called on the city to get back to the table and deal with the union bargaining committee.

"We want a better working life in Ottawa, not a worse one," Moist said. "If Larry O'Brien thinks we're going to turn the clock back on 100 years of collective bargaining, he's wrong."

Group wants smoke-free buildings

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HEALTH A local non-smoking advocacy group is encouraging Ottawa landlords to adopt policies that will make their buildings smoke free.

Ottawa residents have very few smoke-free options for accommodation, said Ottawa Council on Smoking and Health president Pippa Beck.

"We're not asking governments to force landlords," said Beck. "We want there to be more choice in the marketplace."

This week is National Non-Smoking Week, but according to Beck, Canada is about three years behind the United States, which offers tens of thousands of smoke-free units.

"It's still emerging here," said Beck. "The buildings are hard for people to find. There's no list available."

Here in Ottawa, landlords of smaller multi-unit buildings are more likely than landlords of big buildings to go smoke-free.

"Developers can legally declare their new building 100 per cent smoke-free from the outset," Beck said.

Strike having impact on environment: Group

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TRANSIT A local environmental group is rallying the city's transit users to help them ask the city to speed transit talks.

So far, hundreds of people have signed Ecology Ottawa's online petition, which calls for an end to the transit strike.

The petition, which launched earlier this week, will be presented to council members a week from today, said Ecology Ottawa steering committee member Mike Buckthought.

"We need all parties to sit down at the negotiating table and produce a fair deal that will end the transit strike and get our city moving again," the petition reads.

For environmentally conscious city residents, the

ongoing strike is discouraging to their efforts, said Buckthought, a transit user and cyclist.

"You really see the consequences of relying too much on cars," he said.

"We're seeing increased emissions of carbon dioxide and pollutants such as nitrogen oxides. I think with the increased air pollution, you will likely see increased incidence of respiratory disease," he said. "Cars are just not an environmentally friendly way to travel."

From an environmental standpoint, a transit strike is the opposite of what the city needs, said Buckthought.

"By putting more cars on the road, we see increases in traffic and increases in air pollution," said Buckthought.

The petition can be found at www.ecologyottawa.ca.

City puts money ahead of safety, OC mechanics say

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REPAIRS While the city is insisting that safety issues are behind the proposed changes to the scheduling system, the OC Transpo employees union says the transit company is ignoring maintenance concerns that are costing the city millions and making buses potentially dangerous.

"Ourselves and our families ride the bus and safety is a big concern for us. Of course, so is expense, because most of us are taxpayers here in the city," said Peter Theriault, a mechanic with 10 years experience at OC Transpo.

Hugh Thayer, a 26-year-veteran mechanic said when articulated buses

"**Ourselves and our families ride the bus and safety is a big concern for us. Of course, so is expense, because most of us are taxpayers here in the city.**"

Peter Theriault, mechanic at OC Transpo

first arrived at OC Transpo, their bumpers corroded very quickly. Yet upper management sent some that were marked for repairs out onto the roads.

"Meet service at all cost" was a lot of the way the thinking is there," he said. "We were fortunate that none of (the bumpers) fell off. If that was going down the Queensway, it could easily go eastbound in the westbound lane and hurt a lot of people."

Theriault said the city does not follow a proper

maintenance schedule for the buses and as a consequence, many of the warranties are unnecessarily voided because the time or the miles lapse out. Up to 500 buses have lapsed warranties that could have saved the city around \$165,000 per vehicle, he said.

The city said it would not comment on unspecified allegations and insisted that instead of talking at one another through the media, they should be meeting at the negotiating table.

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WHAT'S ONLINE TODAY

Video Michaëlle Jean pays tribute to the rise of Obama at metronews.ca/canada

Video Omar Khadr's case stirs controversy, much like the prison he calls home at metronews.ca/canada

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Video Canadians celebrate the inauguration at metronews.ca/canada

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Head trip at Karsh-Masson Gallery
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Calling all marathon skiers

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Skiers of all ages and abilities will be taking the National Capital Region by storm when the Gatineau Loppet launches its 31st annual event next month.

The largest gathering of cross-country skiers in Canada, the Gatineau Loppet is expected to bring 8,000 people — including 2,500 participants — from 23 countries to Gatineau Park for the three-day event, which runs from Feb. 13 to 15.

"We'll have people who have been on the World Cup circuit and people who are making their way

up there," said Alain d'Entremont, president of the Gatineau Loppet, who announced the 2009 event lineup recently.

But the event also attracts "average people that ski anywhere from five times to 100 times in a season."

Himself an avid skier, d'Entremont said the Loppet — which is Scandinavian for "long-distance ski marathon" — uses the 200 kilometres of cross-country ski trails available in Gatineau Park, "the largest cross-country ski centre in North America east of the Rockies," he said.

While many of the skiers are local, the participants will be coming from as far as Poland, the U.S., the

"We'll have people who have been on the World Cup circuit and people who are making their way up there."

Alain d'Entremont

Netherlands, Estonia, Germany, Austria, England, Finland, Sweden, Italy, Switzerland, Lithuania, Russia, Norway, Slovakia, Slovenia, France, Luxembourg, Spain, Israel and China.

This means that people from all over the world are seeing the National Capital Region — a boon for tourism as people go to restaurants and stay in

town, d'Entremont said.

Events include the ski show starting on Feb. 13; classic race day, which features 29- and 53-kilometre races, and the Norway/Gatineau friendly ski competition on Feb. 14. Freestyle day, the children's two-kilometre race and the Gatineau Loppet Challenge will be Feb. 15.

New this year is the Gatineau Loppet junior event for high school students. The five-kilometre and 10-kilometre races allow young people to discover Gatineau Park.

"This year, we're working a lot with schools and younger people," said d'Entremont. "They're the skiers of tomorrow."

Councillors head west – at taxpayers' expense

COUNCIL Taxpayers are footing the bill as nearly half of city council heads out west for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities annual conference and expo this summer.

While approving councillors' 2009 conference

schedule, the city's finance committee voted to send 10 councillors plus the mayor to the June 5 to 8 conference in Whistler, B.C.

Mayor Larry O'Brien and councillors Diane Deans, Shad Qadri, Michelle Bellemare, Marianne Wilkin-

son, Peggy Feltmate, Georges Bédard, Maria McRae, Diane Holmes, Jacques Legendre and Christine Leadman will be going on the trip, which costs \$2,893 per person.

Councillor and Association of Municipalities of On-

tario president Peter Hume is also going, but AMO is covering his expenses.

Coun. Clive Doucet had expressed interest in attending the conference, but declined earlier this month due to the transit strike.

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TIME TO BUTT OUT WHEN YOU BUCKLE UP



If you're a parent who smokes, you know it can be hard to resist lighting up in the car.

But it exposes your kids to the risk of serious childhood illnesses. Even on short trips. Even with the windows rolled down. **Campaign for a Smoke-free Ride is asking parents across Ontario to protect their kids by not smoking in the car.** It may not be easy. But your kids will thank you for it.

Call 1-888-344-LUNG (5864) for more information, or visit smokefreeride.ca

There's an old adage, "We live what we learn" that has always resonated with me as an adult, even more so with the insights of parenthood. Now as chair of the Ontario Lung Association, I find it offers even greater relevance.

For the last couple of months we have been working with our community partners across the province to help parents who smoke in their family vehicle understand the health risks to their children. Quite simply, there is no safe way to smoke in the car.

Because their bodies are still developing, children are especially vulnerable to the poisons of second-hand smoke. Combine this with the fact that concentrations of second-hand smoke are more intense in the enclosed space of a vehicle and the risk increases substantially.

Now in Ontario, new legislation banning smoking vehicles when children under the age of 16 are passengers is effective January 21, 2009. The Ontario Lung Association applauds the Government of Ontario for taking this important step towards protecting our children.

For parents, your reasons for not smoking in your car are as close as your back seat.

Dean Karakasis
Chair, Ontario Lung Association



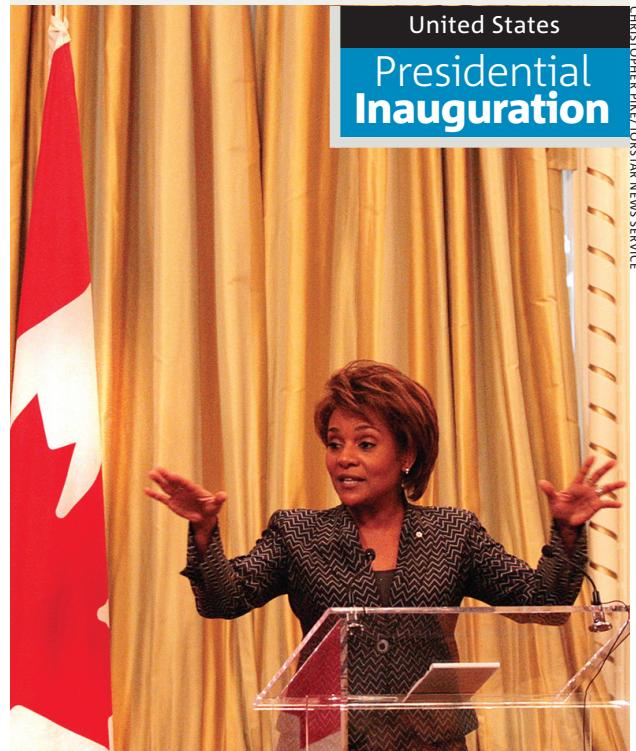
When you can't breathe, nothing else matters

Dean Karakasis became chair of the Ontario Lung Association September 2008. He has been a long-serving volunteer of the lung health organization, serving as a Board Director for 14 years. Dean is currently executive director of BOMA Ottawa. During his 20-year career, Dean has been a leader in developing governance models, and marketing, partnership and communication programs for both corporate and non-profit organizations.

St. John's drops drive-thru ban

Everything is sugar sweet between St. John's, N.L., city council and Tim Hortons again, as city councillors voted unanimously on Monday to rescind a two-week-old moratorium on new drive-thrus after a face-to-face meeting with franchise owners. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada

**Ottawa Jean's youth dialogue**

Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean speaks to 125 young people at Rideau Hall they watched Barrack Obama sworn in as president of the United States yesterday. Jean hosted the dialogue to mark the historical significance of the inauguration.

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Oilsands pollution plan lacking: Report

Pollution will continue to plague Alberta's oilsands despite plans to pipe harmful greenhouse gases deep underground, according to documents obtained by **Torstar News Service**.

Part of the task of cleaning up the oilsands involves capturing carbon dioxide emissions and storing them in geological reservoirs in western Canada.

But, despite proposed national caps on air contaminants, chemicals linked to acid rain, respiratory problems and ozone depletion could escape into the atmosphere at an even faster rate, thanks to an estimated tripling of production from one million barrels a day in 2007 to 3.4 million barrels a day in 2017.

Sequestration (as carbon dioxide storage is known), by capturing about 200 mega-

Pipeline delayed, activists happy

- Environmental groups are hoping the delay of a major pipeline project that would tie Quebec and Ontario consumers to oil from Alberta will

allow awareness of the program's potential ecological impact to grow. Alberta oil is reportedly the most carbon-heavy oil in the world.

tonnes a year of carbon dioxide, is expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by almost 80 per cent in 2017, says an Environment Canada study obtained under the Access to Information Act.

But, the study notes: "There are emissions of CO₂ and air contaminants resulting from the generation of the energy required by (carbon capture and storage) facilities. The CO₂ emissions offset the volumes captured by the facilities, while the air contaminant emissions add to the load on the environment."

The June 2008 study predicts emissions of sulfur dioxide, the main ingredient in acid rain, will rise by up to 34 per cent by 2017. Nitrous oxides, which are responsible for depletion of the ozone layer, will rise by up to 24 per cent. Ozone depletion is linked to higher rates of skin cancer among other health problems.

Tiny particulate matter (PM 2.5) is set to jump by more than 60 per cent in the oilsands and could lead to hazy skies and aggravate existing lung and heart problems.

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Arar sent to Syria on Khadr tip, court hears

GUANTANAMO BAY U.S. authorities were acting on a tip from 15-year-old captive Omar Khadr when they sent Maher Arar to Syria, where he was imprisoned and tortured as a suspected terrorist, according to testimony at the Guantanamo war crimes tribunal yesterday.

Khadr identified a driver's licence photograph of Arar as someone he thought he had seen at an al Qaeda safe house run by a Syrian man in

Trial

- The testimony came in a pretrial hearing for Khadr, who is charged with murdering a U.S. soldier during a firefight at a suspected al Qaeda compound in 2002.

Afghanistan in late September or early October 2001, FBI special agent Robert Fuller testified.

Arar was actually in Cana-

da and the United States during that time, according to a Canadian government inquiry that formally cleared Arar of having terrorist links in 2006.

But Arar, who had been arrested by U.S. authorities during a stopover at JFK airport in New York in September 2002, was deported to Syria one day after Khadr identified his photo, lawyers in the Guantanamo court said.

REUTERS

News in brief

LOTTERY The latest Lotto 6-49 winning ticket was sold in Ontario, but the winners of the \$7.5-million prize are not from that province. Sean and Joni Mayer, from Washington State, won the Jan. 3 draw and collected their prize at a Toronto lottery office yesterday. The cou-

ple will have to pay the U.S. equivalent of \$2.1 million in taxes when they cross the border.

COALITION Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe says the proposed coalition of the Liberals and New Democrats is just as solid as it was before the Gover-

nor General prorogued Parliament before the holidays in December, CBC News Online reports. The Bloc is not a part of the coalition, but has said it would support it and the proposed strategies to weather the global economic crisis.

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Canadian cop shot in Detroit

A police officer from Windsor, Ont., is recovering in a Detroit hospital after he was shot during an apparent carjacking on Monday in Detroit. The officer, whose name has not yet been released, was shot in the arm and the chest outside an auto parts store. Detroit police have one suspect in custody and are looking for two more.

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Harper names investigator for listeriosis probe

OUTBREAK Prime Minister Stephen Harper named an investigator yesterday to look into last August's outbreak of listeriosis, which was caused by meats that were contaminated while being processed by Maple Leaf Foods Inc.

He named Sheila Weatherill, a nurse who has been president of an integrated, academic health system in Edmonton as the investigator.

REUTERS

Grits will topple Tories if necessary

POLITICS Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff said yesterday he is trying to cool tempers ahead of next week's federal budget, but made it clear he is prepared to topple the minority Conservative government over the budget if necessary.

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Barack Obama plans to name former senator George Mitchell as his Middle East envoy in one of his first actions as the new U.S. president, the Washington Post reported yesterday. Mitchell's appointment could come as early as Tuesday, the newspaper said, quoting unnamed Obama aides. **REUTERS**

World



'Magic cheese' scam sours

France is investigating what it says is a scam mounted by a French woman who sold thousands of Chileans kits to make "magic cheese" for French beauty products. Gilberte Van Erpe charged clients some 300 euros (\$389 US) for the kits, which had a market value of about three euros, media reports said.

REUTERS

UN head visits war-torn Gaza

Secretary General Ban decries Israel's 'excessive force'

Voicing shock and anger at the "heartbreaking" devastation, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon visited the Gaza Strip yesterday to pledge aid for Palestinians after Israeli attacks killed 1,300 and left thousands homeless.

Israel was set to withdraw its remaining troops before the inauguration of Barack Obama as U.S. president. His predecessor George W. Bush endorsed the three-week offensive as a legitimate response to rocket fire by Gaza's ruling Islamists.

Gaza divides Arab economic summit

- Arab leaders agreed at a summit yesterday to help rebuild the battered Gaza Strip, but failed to bridge differences over the offensive. Leaders

condemned Israel's attack and demanded its immediate withdrawal from Gaza in the summit declaration, but some wanted stronger wording.

Since a ceasefire, though nothing like a peace accord, took hold on Sunday, Hamas has demonstrated it remains in charge. It held "victory" rallies to coincide with Ban's visit.

"I have seen only a fraction of the destruction.

This is shocking and alarming," Ban said, condemning the "excessive use" of force by Israel as well as militants' rocket salvos.

Ban called the attack "outrageous" and demanded an inquiry and, if need be, the guilty to be held to

account. He criticized Hamas for firing rockets, but said Israel used "excessive force."

Israel blames Hamas for fighting around civilians and sites run by the United Nations, which supports much of Gaza's population of 1.5 million.

Most are families of refugees who fled or were forced from what became Israel.

Ban, on a Middle East tour, is the most senior diplomatic figure to visit the territory in years.

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India Getting into the spirit



School children wearing masks of U.S. President Barack Obama pose during a rally yesterday in Lucknow, India. About 10,000 students took part in the rally, which appealed to world leaders to combat terrorism.

Deaths of lawyer, reporter fuel protests in Chechnya

GROZNY Several thousand protesters in Chechnya yesterday demanded the Russian authorities bring to justice the killers of a human rights lawyer and a reporter who were gunned down in central Moscow.

Stanislav Markelov, a lawyer who fought against the early release of a former Russian colonel jailed for the murder of a Chechen girl, was shot dead after a news briefing

"Life costs nothing in our state. But we should not just accept it."

Malika Israilova, protester

on Monday.

A reporter for the Novaya Gazeta newspaper, who was walking with Markelov, was shot when she ran after the killer. Anastasia Baburova later died in hospital.

About 3,000 people came

out onto the main square in Grozny, the regional capital of Chechnya.

"Life costs nothing in our state. But we should not just accept it — we should fight for our rights," said protester Malika Israilova.

Markelov, 34, represented the family of 18-year-old Elza Kungayeva, whose murder in 2000 became a symbol of human rights abuses in Chechnya. Her family said she had been raped and murdered in a drunken rampage by Russian troops.

The early release last week of Col. Yuri Budanov, who was jailed for the killing, triggered a wave of indignation.

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Obama too handsome for parody: Cartoonist

MEDIA U.S. President Barack Obama is too good looking to provide inspiration for cartoons in the same way George W. Bush served as fodder for biting commentary, a caricaturist said yesterday.

"It's never

a gift for a caricaturist to draw a handsome man," said Pierre Kroll,

from Belgium, a country which prides itself on its comic book culture including Tintin.

"Somehow, we prefer overweight people, people with a beard, huge noses, ridiculous glasses ... If caricaturists could elect presidents, we would choose

people with faces we enjoy drawing, and not a playboy like him," said Kroll, whose works appears in the Belgian daily Le Soir.

Kroll said positive public sentiment towards the incoming U.S. president might also make it harder for caricaturists whose portraits have to underline a person's weaknesses and flaws.

"Caricaturists like to be a bit nasty and here; he comes with a lot of sympathy. It's harder for us to do our job and mock him, while Bush had become a favourite target for cartoonists," he said.

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Peru mining workers taken hostage held for sixth day

KIDNAPPING Four employees of Minera Afrodita and two people who were traveling with them in northern Peru were held hostage for the sixth day yesterday, taken by protesters upset over mining development, the company said.

The group, which includes four workers, their boat captain and his helper, was seized Thursday in the remote town of Huampani.

Afrodita has mining concessions near Peru's northern border, where it is looking for gold. A small Canadian miner, Dorato Resources, has the rights to buy up to 100 per cent of the company's shares.

Conflicts between companies and communities, which worry about the social and environmental impact of mining, are common in Peru, a major metals producer.

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Chinese websites edit Obama speech

INTERNET U.S. President Barack Obama's inauguration speech has a twist in translations available on some Chinese websites where his references to communism and dissent have been cut.

"Recall that earlier generations faced down communism and fascism not just with missiles and tanks, but with sturdy alliances and enduring convictions," Obama said in his address yesterday.

"To those who cling to power through corruption and deceit and the silencing

of dissent, know that you are on the wrong side of history, but that we will extend a hand if you are willing to unclench your fist."

In translations on top Chinese portals Sina and Sohu, the word "communism" is omitted and the paragraph on dissent was gone. Another popular portal, Netease, cut the first paragraph entirely.

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News in brief

JAPAN Temple bells tolled, fireworks were set off and residents danced the hula in the cold Japanese city of Obama yesterday to celebrate the inauguration in Hawaiian style, in tribute to Obama's birthplace.

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Obama. Over a hundred Obama fans flocked to a local Buddhist temple to celebrate the inauguration in Hawaiian style, in tribute to Obama's birthplace.

Seats, but not rights, open to Iraqi women

More than a quarter of the 14,431 candidates registered for Iraq's provincial council elections are women, but college student Fatma Imad sees few women's faces on the posters plastered across her neighbourhood.

"Even if I want to choose a woman, where are these women? I don't see any posters for a woman candidate," she asks.

In a Jan. 31 provincial poll, election law ensures women will be represented: Each party that wins seats must give every third spot to a woman.

But in a country that was once one of the most progressive for women's rights in the Middle East, and where black candidates plan to run for election for the first time, female candidates say the quota gives them little real clout.

"I feel afraid to hang my photos because of the threats. Our society is still a male-dominant society," said Liza Nisan, a National Assyrian Party candidate.

She left municipal politics because of threats, and only agreed to stand as a candidate because the party was desperate for female names to meet its quota. She does not allow her picture to appear on campaign posters.

The scarcity of posters showing female candidates may jeopardize their



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Liza Nisan

fortable about having their photos displayed," she said.

Baghdad University law professor and women's advocate Bushra al-Ubaidi said the dominant religious parties have so far doled out quota seats to women carefully selected to ensure they would not fight for women's rights.

"The women's position in these parties was not a call for progress as much as it was a call to bind these women into these parties," she said. "They are tools. They are using these women to reach a goal — to restrict the movement and progress of women ... I don't blame the women. I blame their parties." **REUTERS**

chance of winning seats beyond the guaranteed minimum, said Hamdiya al-Husseini, a member of the Iraqi High Electoral Commission, which is organizing the election.

"It's the nature of our society that does not favour their photos being posted. Most women feel uncom-

Needles, not accuracy, key in acupuncture

STUDY Acupuncture prevents headaches and migraines, but faked treatments when needles are incorrectly inserted appear to work nearly as well, German researchers said.

Their findings suggest the benefits of acupuncture may stem more from people's belief in the technique, said Klaus Linde, a complementary medicine researcher at the Technical University in Munich, who led the analysis published in the Cochrane Review journal.

"Much of the clinical benefit of acupuncture might be due to non-specific needling effects and powerful placebo effects, meaning selection of specific needle points may be less important than many practitioners have traditionally argued," he said in a statement. **REUTERS**

'Grim' bird flu fight ahead

BIRD FLU China faces a "grim" situation in preventing and controlling human cases of bird flu, the health minister said after announcing four human infections and three deaths in the last two weeks.

Health Minister Chen Zhu called for hospitals to spare more resources in diagnosing and treating bird flu and more co-operation between agriculture authorities and his ministry, Xinhua news agency said.

A Chinese newspaper reported that the mother of

a toddler diagnosed with bird flu had died of severe pneumonia earlier this month, but no samples had been taken to see if she had bird flu. She had been in contact with poultry before her death.

The toddler, and the three recent fatalities, have all fallen ill in areas where there have been no known cases of bird flu in birds. China vaccinates heavily for bird flu, raising concerns among some experts that the vaccines could be masking the presence of the virus. **REUTERS**

News in brief

RUSSIA Since the economic crisis began hammering the rouble and stock markets and key oil exports in Russia, the country's leading psychiatric institute has seen a 10 to 20 per cent increase in outpatients, a spokeswoman said. Russia has the world's second-highest suicide rate. **REUTERS**

EGYPT Authorities in Cairo have seized stolen pages torn from an illustrated manuscript from an Australian woman trying to smuggle them out of the country. A spokesman said the pages may be from a book dating back to the Indian Mughal period, which began in the early 16th century. **REUTERS**

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Like never before, Americans watched the inauguration of an incoming president online through live video streaming across their computers, and reacted by blogging, vlogging and tweeting. The Internet's top 40 sites slowed down by as much as 60 per cent when the ceremony started. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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More than one million people crammed onto the National Mall and along the inauguration parade route to catch a glimpse of the new U.S. first family.

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'Humbled by the task before us'

Obama pays homage to ancestors in vision for a new U.S. future

Barack Obama's first sentence to the American people as U.S. president was, "I stand here today humbled by the task before us, grateful for the trust you have bestowed, mindful of the sacrifices borne by our ancestors."

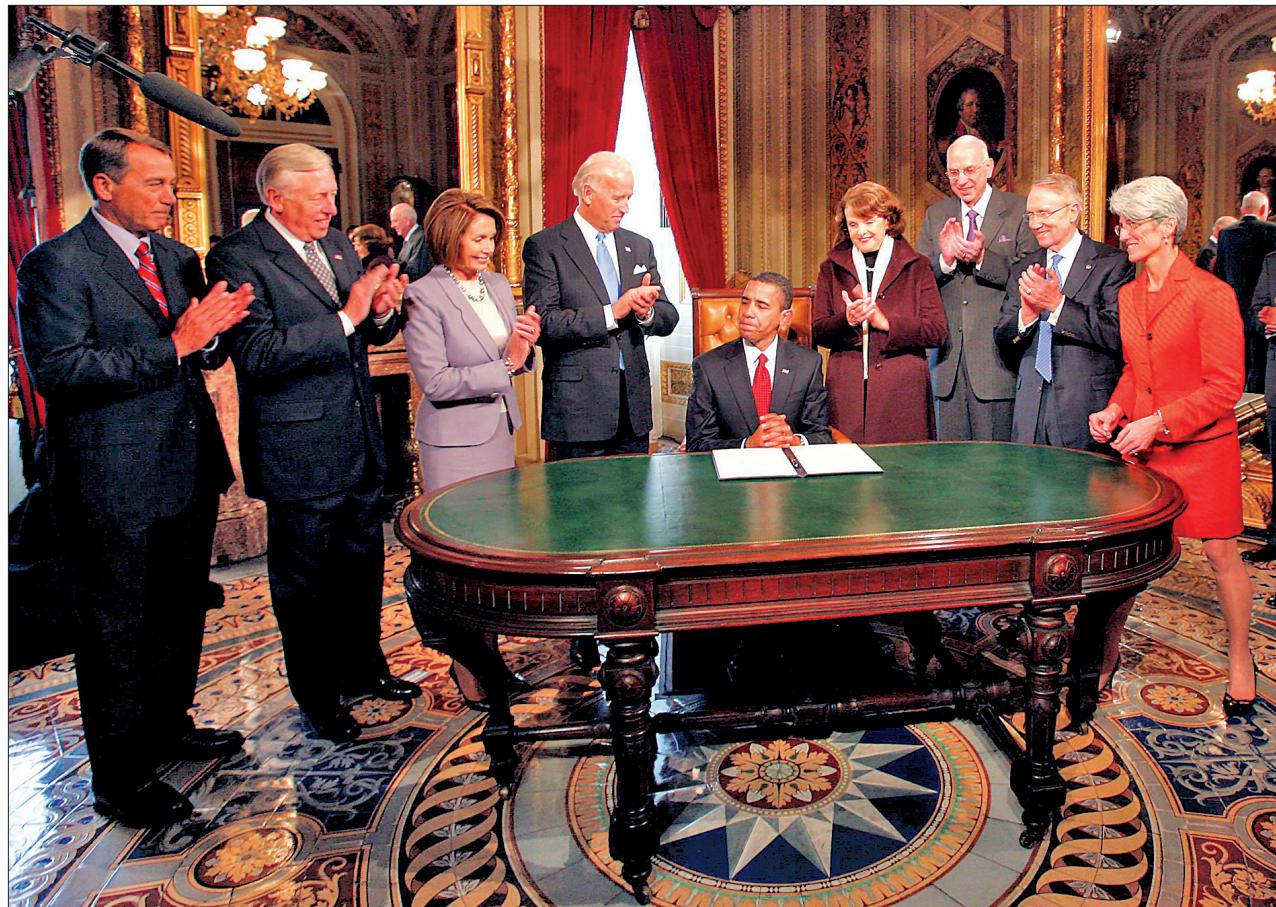
Sometimes, a moment of history catches the world by surprise with its sheer enormity.

Standing on the terrace of the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C., yesterday, hundreds of Canadians, Americans and others stared toward the western front of the U.S. Capitol building in rapt silence, their faces merging with images of the vast crowds that surrounded them, multiplying across a giant TV screen.

And when Barack Obama took his solemn oath of office as America's 44th president, their cheers magnified as though the barriers of colour, creed, politics and nationality had dissolved together into one human voice of global significance.

Canada and the United States have had their differences, and America was seldom more embattled with friends as well as foes than during George W. Bush's administration.

But as Obama made his



U.S. President Barack Obama, centre, is applauded by members of the Joint Congressional Committee during inaugural ceremonies in the President's Room of the Capitol building yesterday after signing his first act as president, a proclamation, moments after being sworn in as the 44th president of the United States in Washington, D.C.

Words of wisdom from Obama's speech

- Forty-four Americans have now taken the presidential oath. The words have been spoken during rising tides of prosperity and the still waters of peace. Yet every so often, the oath is taken amidst gathering clouds and raging storms.



- We remain a young nation, but in the words of

Scripture, the time has come to set aside childish things. The time has come to reaffirm our enduring spirit; to choose our better history; to carry forward that precious gift, that noble idea, passed on from generation to generation: The God-given promise that all are

equal, all are free, and all deserve a chance to pursue their full measure of happiness.

- It has not been the path for the faint-hearted — for those who prefer leisure over work, or seek only the pleasures of riches and fame. Rather, it has been

the risk-takers, the doers, the makers of things — some celebrated but more often men and women obscure in their labour, who have carried us up the long, rugged path towards prosperity and freedom.

- In the face of our com-

echoed by many who stood moist-eyed as Obama took the oath as president of Canada's most important international partner.

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An American reacts at the embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia

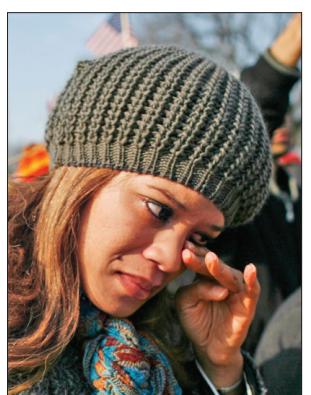


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An American reacts at the embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia

Dick Cheney in a wheelchair

Dick Cheney appeared in a wheelchair. Yet another serious health ailment? No. Boxes. He pulled a back muscle, a spokesperson said, moving his belongings into his new house.

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Obama is fashion first lady

Michelle brings her forward-thinking style to D.C.

Michelle Obama, hailed by many as America's new style icon, officially took her place on the world stage yesterday wearing an outfit in the nontraditional colour of yellow and set fashionistas atwitter.

The new U.S. first lady, 45, chose a sparkling sheath dress and matching coat in a yellow-gold hue by Cuban-born American designer Isabel Toledo for the presidential swearing-in ceremony. She matched it with a wide diamante necklace.

At the formal inaugural ball later she opted for a more classic gown with a little edge.

Her single shoulder strap complemented a simple white style.

Michelle Obama, a former lawyer, has been credited with bringing a chic, youthful style to U.S. politics and for mixing comfortable chain store garments from the likes of Gap and J. Crew with edgier new designers like Chicago's Mario Pinto and Narciso Rodriguez.

Initially seen as slightly aloof, she won hearts in June by wearing an affordable \$148 black and white off-the-rack dress for an appearance on the popular female TV chat show The View. It sold out nationwide overnight.

Her swearing-in outfit



was a departure from the red, white or blue tones often adopted by U.S. female politicians on high-profile occasions.

Yellow is traditionally seen in many parts of the world as a symbol of hope and optimism, style experts said.

"Yellow is the color of optim-

ism and confidence and hope ... The whole ensemble radiated hope and optimism," Mandi Norwood, a former editor at Mademoiselle magazine who is writing a book on Michelle Obama's style, told Reuters.

Bonnie Fuller, former editor in chief of Glamour magazine, called it "bold" but wondered, "Is she walking around in inaugural upholstery?"

Fuller wrote in a blog on the

www.huffingtonpost.com website that she had heard one observer quipping that the first lady was "wearing a couch."

New York-based designer Toledo said the coat and dress were made of Swiss wool

lace, backed with netting for warmth on the bitterly cold Washington morning, and lined in French silk.

"I called it lemongrass because it's not exactly a yellow, it's not a green, it's just in-between. It's full of sunshine. It really feels like freshness to me."

"I wanted to capture optimism, I wanted it to feel happy, I wanted it to feel inclusive," she said.

With home foreclosures and layoffs plaguing Americans across the United States, fashion commentators praised Obama by going for understated glamour at the 10 inauguration galas she attend, wearing nothing too glitzy or frivolous.

Dressing down too much could attract as much criticism as extravagance. Los Angeles Times fashion critic Booth Moore was happy with Michelle Obama's for her inaugural ball dress.

"At least for one night, we want our first lady to be more glamorous than the rest of us. We don't want her to be Second-hand Rose, but we don't want her to be Marie Antoinette either. The secret to Obama's sartorial success so far has been walking the line between the two. Here's hoping she continues to do so," Moore said.

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Michelle Obama wore contrasting styles throughout the day, switching from conservative, right, to elegant, left.

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Obama puts 'midnight' laws on hold

PENDING U.S. President Barack Obama's new administration ordered all federal agencies and departments yesterday to stop any pending regulations until they can be reviewed by incoming staff, halting last-minute Bush orders in their tracks.

"This afternoon, White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel signed a memorandum sent to all agencies and departments to stop all pending regulations until a legal and policy review can be conducted by the Obama administration," the White House said in a statement issued just hours after Obama took office.

The review is a tool commonly used by a new administration to delay so-called "midnight regulations" put in place by a former president between the election and inauguration day.

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The Day in brief

KENNEDY U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy, who is battling brain cancer, was recovering at a Washington hospital yesterday after suffering a seizure at an inaugural lunch for President Barack Obama. According to witnesses, Kennedy collapsed during the meal but was smiling as he was carried out on a stretcher.

JAPAN Temple bells tolled, fireworks were set off and residents danced the hula in the cold Japanese city of Obama yesterday to celebrate the inauguration of Barack Obama, who will become the first black U.S. president.

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Aretha heralds new hope

The West View



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My fellow Canadians:
Did you have your noses pressed against the glass of history yesterday?

I know I did. In my case, the glass was the 56-inch Sony at our house, a.k.a. the Big Unit, and let me tell you, it was the catbird seat.

Canadians have an odd, passive relationship with the United States: We watch it on TV.

Even more so these days, because it's getting tough to go there. You have to wait a couple of hours in a lineup at the border, and when you get there, there's a 26-cent premium on everything, so you can't even get a decent bargain any more.

But I digress.

For about 60 years, endlessly fascinated, we have watched America become the world's most powerful

nation ... on television. We loved Lucy, grokked Spock, mourned Kennedy, got lifted up by Martin Luther King Jr., observed Shock and Awe in shock and awe. We worshipped the American Idol and tried to copy it, although the Canadian version invariably can't sing.

Aretha Franklin can sing. Boy, can she ever. Even now, when's she's old and stout. And that's when I lost it yesterday, just before Barack Obama was sworn in. Aretha got up and with a choir of angels, belted out "My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty," on the steps of the Capitol building.

Somehow, even though it is sung to the tune of God Save the Queen, My Country 'Tis of Thee is an entirely American song. Maybe it's

the refrain that Aretha sang and sang and sang over again, circling around the pitch like a Motown voodoo goddess: "Let freedom ring!"

And that's when, I'm not ashamed to say, I lost it. Tears streamed down my face, and I succumbed to the joyful season finale/debut of

the longest running series on TV — from Birmingham, through Dallas, via Chicago, through Kent State, down Route 66 to Watts, to the jungles of Vietnam, under



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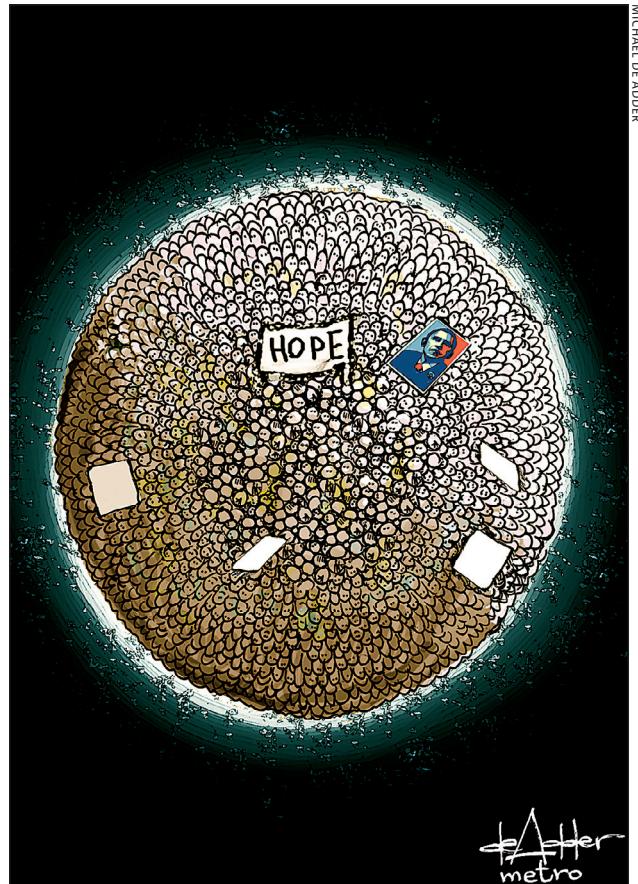
the hanging chads of Florida, onto the streets of Baghdad, through Wall Street, to the Lincoln Memorial, to the inauguration of Barack Obama.

But they had me at Aretha and Let Freedom Ring. In one three-minute funky fanfare, she sang away the bitter shadows of the last decade, the harrowing, vicious, sardonic cynicism of the Bushes, the Cheneys and the Roves, and heralded the possibility of what we too easily refer to as "hope" and "change."

Barack Obama stands for something more rich and sonorous than mere hope and change, but I can't really describe it; I can only watch and listen from the other side of the glass and hope they never take this marvelous reality TV show off the air.

It's my favourite.

Paul Sullivan is a Vancouver-based journalist and owner of Sullivan Media Consulting.



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Letters

**Grameen Bank-type
microfinance is the answer**

shops and plantations, or worse, cast aside from society.

The actual economic crisis: Who should we help? Major assistance in the form of public funds has now been provided to assist rich people during the present financial crisis.

Wouldn't it be time to think about the world population for which the economic crisis is not simply a temporary or superficial crisis? I refer here to the poor for whom our promise of benefits from our economic system never happens — the poor working like slaves in sweat-

I believe the microfinance implemented in Bangladesh and elsewhere by the Grameen Bank would be a good short-term solution to this "real" crisis and thus, the elimination of poverty.

Our federal MPs must break the silence and pressure international institutions like the World Bank to adopt this Grameen Bank-type of microfinance.

It's the very least we should do for now.

BRUNO MARQUIS, GATINEAU

Reaction: Obama-mania sweeps across Canada

"He gives us an example of strength as a leader, and it's not about what you look like anymore or the colour of your skin. It's about who you are and what you stand for."

—Lincoln Thorne, Vancouver



"I watched his public address. I'm very excited. I think it's going to be amazing for the U.S. and on a global spectrum. I think it's a great change."

—Cathlin Antonello, Ottawa



"The biggest change will be everyone's mindset. He'll encourage everybody, no matter what race they are from, that they can live up to their dreams."

—Frances Sonde, Calgary



"Rosa Parks sat down so King could walk. King walked so Barack could run. Barack ran so that all of us can fly."

—Rev. Elias Mwamba Mutuale, Nova Scotia



"This is the meaning of our liberty and our creed ... why a man whose father less than 60 years ago might not have been served at a local restaurant can now stand before you to take a most sacred oath."

— An excerpt from U.S. President Barack Obama's inauguration address.

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Sherman moves to Bay's top spot

Venerable retailer Hudson's Bay Trading Co. named Jeffrey Sherman as president and chief executive, moving the veteran from his spot as chief executive of HBC to the parent company's top spot, where he will manage Canadian and U.S. operations. **REUTERS**

Business

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Suncor posts rare \$215M loss in Q1

OIL Suncor Energy Inc. reported its first quarterly net loss of \$215 million in 16 years yesterday, down from a year-earlier profit of \$1.04 billion, as it slashed capital spending and mothballed construction on a \$20.6-billion expansion of its northern Alberta oilsands operations until better times return.

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Factory sales plunge 6.4 points

SALES The value of Canadian manufacturing shipments plunged by a record 6.4 per cent in November from October, dragged down by weaker commodities and lower sales of petroleum, coal and primary metals. Twelve of 21 manufacturing industries posted declines.

REUTERS

Dollar falls as rate cut disappoints

The Canadian dollar fell versus the U.S. currency yesterday as the greenback rallied, but recovered some losses after the Bank of Canada cut its key overnight lending rate to a 50-year low.

The Bank of Canada cut its key interest rate by 50 basis points to one per cent and predicted a period of falling prices this year as a recession takes hold. It signalled that further cuts may be on the horizon, but said it would judge carefully "to what extent further monetary stimulus will be required."

The Canadian dollar rose slightly to 79.31 US cents from 78.90 US cents immediately after the bank's announcement, but was still down from its close of

Expectations met

- A Reuters poll released late last week predicted the Bank of Canada would cut its lending rate by at least 50 basis points.

79.70 US cents on Monday.

The currency may have firmed after the rate decision because a few market players were betting on a larger cut by the central bank, said Michael Gregory, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets.

"There was a little, perhaps, disappointment by the market that there wasn't more of an aggressive move, which of course provides a little support for the Canadian dollar," he said.

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Business in brief

INCENTIVE Bell Canada said it will offer a retirement incentive to about 1,500 unionized staff — employees already eligible to retire in 2009 and 2010 — as it moves to cut costs. The company did not disclose the financial terms of the offer.

INSURANCE U.S. property-casualty insurers are expected to pay more than \$25 billion US in claims from homes and businesses damaged from a string of 2008 natural disasters such as hurricanes Gustav and Ike, tornadoes and winter storms.

MEDIA The New York Times will get a much-needed \$250 million US investment from Mexican billionaire Carlos Slim. Slim will receive warrants in the company, which could boost his 6.9 per cent Times share to 17 per cent. **REUTERS**

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Peter Forsberg is back skating, test his ailing right foot in what could be his last attempt at a comeback. "If it doesn't work now I'm forced to give it up for good," Forsberg, 35, told a Swedish newspaper yesterday. Forsberg made a late-season return to the Colorado Avalanche last season. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

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Gold for Jasey-Jay

Canadian Jasey-Jay Anderson, left, won gold at the world snowboard championships yesterday, securing his spot on the 2010 Canadian Olympic team. The Mont-Tremblant, Que., native finished first in the parallel giant slalom and was joined on the podium by fellow Canadian Matthew Morison, who won bronze.

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They probably would have rather stayed in Washington

NHL RESULT

Capitals 2 Senators 3

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THE SKINNY: Brendan Bell scored Ottawa's third power-play goal of the game with just over one minute to play in regulation time to give the Senators the win after watching the Capitals come back from a 2-0 deficit.

OVER THE 20 HUMP: Senators winger Dany Heatley notched his 20th and 21st goals of the season in the vic-

Cheat on this

- The Washington Capitals also played the Senators in a 2-1 overtime loss at Scotiabank Place on Nov. 4, the night of the U.S. presidential election.

tory.

CAN I ASSIST YOU? Senators centre Antoine Vermette had a hand in every Ottawa goal, with three helpers.

OVECHKIN 0-FOR-6: Washington's Alexander Ovechkin, the NHL's leading goal-scorer, was held off the scoreboard despite firing six shots towards the Ottawa net.

THE GREAT DANE: Peter Regin suited up in his first

NHL game for Ottawa last night. Regin became just the fifth player from Denmark to play in the league. Mikkel Boedker (Phoenix Coyotes), Jannick Hansen (Vancouver Canucks), Frans Nielson (New York Islanders) are the three other Danes on NHL rosters.

NO-GO FOR DONO: Shean Donovan was not in the lineup for Ottawa after crashing into the boards and suffering a lower body injury during Sunday's skill competition.

TAKE A BREAK: The Senators played their last game before this weekend's NHL all-star festivities in Montreal.

THE NEXT GAME: The Senators are off until Jan. 27 when they meet the New Jersey Devils at Scotiabank Place.



Antoine Vermette scores against Jose Theodore last night.

Sports in brief

NHL New York Islanders goalie Rick DiPietro is out for the season because of continuing problems with a surgically repaired knee. The 27-year-old goalie has played only five games and won't see any more action this season, the Islanders announced yesterday.

MLB The Toronto Blue Jays agreed to one-year deals with infielder Jose Bautista and relievers Jason Frasor and Jeremy Accardo yesterday, avoiding arbitration with all three.

MLB Canadian pitcher Erik Bedard and the Seattle Mariners agreed yesterday to a \$7.75-million US, one-year contract that gave him a raise of \$750,000 and avoided salary arbitration.

MLB Closer Jonathan Papelbon and the Boston Red Sox have agreed to a \$6.25-million US, one-year contract that avoided salary arbitration.

MLB Philadelphia Phillies first baseman Ryan Howard asked for \$18 million US in salary arbitration yesterday, the third-highest figure submitted since the process began in 1974. Philadelphia offered him \$14 million, a raise of \$4 million.

NBA The Memphis Grizzlies signed forward Darius Miles to a second 10-day contract yesterday. Memphis had waived Miles on Jan. 7 but re-signed him three days later.

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Obama inauguration Sports and politics



Magic Johnson, from left, San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and former NBA star/current Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson stand on U.S. President Barack Obama's inaugural stage prior to yesterday's ceremony in Washington, D.C.

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Ross buys majority stake in Fish

Stephen Ross became majority owner of the Miami Dolphins yesterday, completing his purchase of 95 per cent of the franchise for \$1 billion US. METRO NEWS SERVICES

'I'm sure he's doing cartwheels'

Somewhere, Jackie Robinson was cartwheeling yesterday. That was the word from Don Newcombe, Robinson's old friend and teammate. It was Robinson, of course, who busted MLB's colour barrier in 1947, when he became its first African-American player.

Newcombe, who joined Robinson with the Dodgers two years later and emerged as a superstar pitcher, remains an official spokesman for the club in Los Angeles. And he told me tears streamed down his face as Barack Obama was inaugurated as U.S. president yesterday.

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"It's impossible to articulate what Jackie and I went through," Newcombe, 82, said via telephone. "We couldn't eat in the same restaurants or pee in the same washrooms as white players. Jackie went through a living hell because he was the first. He was viewed as evil."

"And so to be alive now

and to see Obama becoming president is truly incredible. I wish Jackie were alive. I wish he could see this. He'd have been so happy, so relieved. I'm sure he's doing cartwheels today."

Robinson died in 1972 of a heart attack. He was only 53.

- Dozens of NBA luminaries skipped practices yesterday—and will consequently be slapped with club fines—to attend the inauguration festivities.

Many were serious financial contributors to Obama, including LeBron James, Chauncey Billups, Baron Davis, Dwight Howard, Emeka Okafor, Luke Walton and Chris Duhon.

Duhon, as reported here in October, even played pickup hoops against Obama.

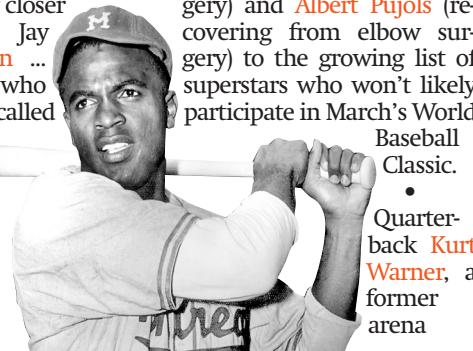
Asked what Obama's best basketball move was, Duhon deadpanned: "I don't think he has one."

- The Detroit Tigers, you should know, are close to signing a new closer — ex-Blue Jay Brandon Lyon ...

Don Zimmer, who serves as a so-called adviser to the Tampa Bay Rays these days, is set to attend his 61st consecutive training camp next month, despite suffering a stroke that prevented him from speaking about a week ago ... Add the names of Vladimir Guerrero (recovering from knee surgery) and Albert Pujols (recovering from elbow surgery) to the growing list of superstars who won't likely participate in March's World

league player who was deemed unworthy of NFL employment for years, essentially sealed his induction into the league's Hall of Fame on Sunday, when he led the Arizona Cardinals to a victory over the Philadelphia Eagles in the NFC final and to a berth into the Feb. 1 Super Bowl against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

It will be Warner's third trip to the Bowl. His teams are 8-2 in post-season play. Peyton Manning's Indianapolis Colts, in comparison, are 7-8 in the playoffs.



Jackie Robinson as a member of the Montreal Royals in 1946.

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• Quarterback Kurt Warner, a former arena

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Metro Drive

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Mini with serious muscle

Coupe may be cute as a puppy, but it pulls like one, too

PETER BLEAKNEY
for Metro Canada

When it comes to performance driving, weight is enemy No. 1. Similarly, if you're trying to squeeze every rolling metre out of a litre of fuel, too much junk-in-the-trunk is not the way to go.

Following this line of reasoning, a lightweight car with a highly tuned small displacement engine is a formula for fun and efficient motoring.

Checking all these boxes is the 2009 John Cooper Works Mini — a Mini Cooper S coupe with a serious injection of oats. The 1.6L DOHC direct-injection turbocharged four is tuned to crank out 208 horsepower and 192 lb.-ft. of torque from 1850-5600 r.p.m., up 36 and 15 respectively from the Cooper S. Put your foot in it, and there is an overboost function that momentarily kicks the torque up to 207 lb.-ft.

This car is very quick. Deceptively so in fact, so it's a good thing the central speedo is the size of a man-hole cover. Street-racing velocities sneak up on you in the blink of an eye.



How many times has the Mini's handling been compared to a go-kart? Enough for me to visit a couple of kart-racer buddies who were doing some testing at Goodwood Kartways. They thought the car was a hoot, and confirmed its dynamics were somewhat akin to their high-powered kart.

Thanks to some bespoke suspension tuning and sticky 205/45R17 Continental ContiSportContact footwear, the Mini's all ready quick reflexes are notched up to chihuahuan-on-amphetamine levels here. Turn in is crazy quick

and the upgraded Works brakes require a light touch. With the Sport button on the console engaged, steering and throttle responses sharpen. It takes a little while to recalibrate your inputs to drive this car smoothly.

One thing you can't smooth out is the ride — on rough roads you'll think you're sitting in a paint shaker. However, when lasering through bends and feeling the neutrality in the chassis all is forgiven.

On the flip side, this car settles into a comfortable cruiser at 120 km/h with the little turbo four hum-

ming away at 2800 r.p.m. My tester had a lovely tan leather interior and the \$1900 JCW Comfort Package that includes a large double sunroof, heated front seats, automatic climate control, rain sensing wipers and auto headlights. The \$750 audio upgrade sounded very good, too. Fit and finish are exemplary. It's your call whether the interior design is super-cool chic or Fisher-Price gone horribly wrong.

Externally, the JC Works Mini gets a more aggressive front fascia with unique grill inserts, 16-spoke lightweight

Ford wins CAA awards

Ford has won two CAA Pyramid awards for its new blind-spot mirror and 100 per cent recycled seats, Canadian Driver reports. The innovative mirror, which won the CAA Pyramid award for safety innovation of the year, uses a secondary convex spotter mirror that provides an optimized view of the driver's blind spot.

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Designer bags to put you in top gear

FASHION Detroit's Big Three may be in trouble but one designer has done well out of defunct vehicles — Kim White makes handbags from vintage automotive fabrics.



Kim White

White found a warehouse in Los Angeles that was selling textiles that were destined for the seats of 1970s and '80s cars, trucks and caravans by GM, VW, AMC, Buick and Ford. She bought all 10,000 yards of the colourful car fabric with bright checks, stripes, diamonds, chevrons and transformed them into totes, clutches and travel bags. Each of these unique, limited-edition bags is labelled with the year and model of car that the fabric was designed for. You look cool, and improve your eco credentials as it's made from recycled fabric.

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Club Med comes to Albania

Construction has begun on Albania's first Club Med seaside resort after police cleared a roadblock set up by protesting villagers, who say developers lack proper permits, and that the appeals court hasn't ruled on who owns the land — the government or locals. **REUTERS**

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Korea's coolest cultural draw

The TravelJunkie
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In the land of Samsung and kimchee, there's a cultural phenomenon that's moved out of the underground and into the sights of national tourism marketers.

South Korea is king of B-Boy dance culture, routinely sweeping up international awards for a pursuit that most would more closely associate with the streets of New York City. (It was there, during the 1970s, that a variety of dance styles fused together and became a key part of the burgeoning hip-hop scene — today's B-Boys can trace their roots to that era.)

In the 1980s and 1990s, the movement came to South Korea, where it's been practised and honed. South Korean B-Boys appropriated American moves

Korean B-Boys

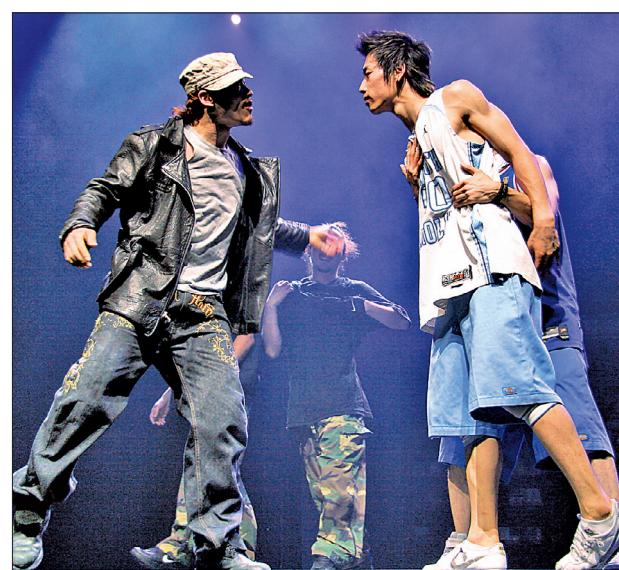
- For more information on performances of B-Boyz & Ballerina, visit bisabal.co.kr.
- To see the country's B-Boys at their finest, attend the R16 World B-Boy Championships & Urban Arts Festival, r16kor ea.com.

but improvised their own touches, and now the country boasts about 100 crews who compete in international championships and regularly beat out competitors from the U.S.

The Drifterz Crew, three-time winners of the U.K. B-Boy Championships, say that extreme dedication is the reason Koreans make such great B-Boys. "Koreans practice like it's a science. They break it down and study the parts," explains one crew member.

They're known for their precision and for practising four to six hours a day.

B-Boys — and the occasional B-Girl — are becoming so popular that even the Korea Tourism Organization (KTO) is getting be-



B-Boyz & Ballerina is a performance showcasing B-Boy culture.

hind them, promoting the movement as a "cultural and unique" attraction for foreign tourists.

The KTO has even set up a "performance tourism marketing strategy" through which tourists can come to see Broadway-style shows starring internationally-acclaimed B-Boys.

Jump, B-Boyz & Ballerina and Marionette are all examples of non-verbal, multi-media shows that target tourists by transcending language barriers through dance, music and high production values.

B-Boyz & Ballerina is best described as Stomp-meets-West-Side-Story with a hip-

hop twist: Boy meets girl, they fall in love, conflict ensues. He's from the wrong side of the tracks, and the matter can be settled only one way — with a dance-off. The girls don Sandra Dee-style skintight black pants and true love prevails over social class.

The pounding music, provocative costumes and skilled choreography make for an impressive stage show. Tourists leave the theatre bursting with energy, excitement and an earnest desire to take B-Boy dance lessons themselves.

Julia Dimon is co-host of Word Travels, airing Sundays at 8 p.m. EST on OLN; juliadimon.com.

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Politics, Oscars don't mix: Poll

MOVIES Celebrities who win an Oscar next month should steer clear of politics during their acceptance speeches, or risk alienating viewers.

That's the word from 7,000 moviegoers participating in a poll from online ticketer Fandango, which asked participants to name what they like most and least about Academy Awards telecasts.

Fandango noted the dwindling ratings of the telecast in recent years and that new producers have been hired for this year's extravaganza.

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Makeover hits and misses

Hollywood has had mixed results remaking foreign films

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

ern sensibilities.

The latest foreign hit to get the marketable makeover is the blood-freezing 2003 Korean ghost story *A Tale of Two Sisters*, which is being westernized by directors Thomas and Charles Guard as *The Uninvited* — it opens in theatres on Friday.

While the merits of this version remain undetermined, the film is in line with Hollywood's near decade long mining of pop-

ular Asian thrillers for profit. Sometimes, as in Gore Verbinski's *The Ring* — a remake of the Japanese hit *Ringu* — the results are rather good.

More often than not, however, they're dismal white-washed shadows of their former selves; witness the American riffs on *One Missed Call* or *Shutter* if you dare.

Not every remake stems from foreign origin, however. In fact the worst contender is unquestionably Gus Van Sant's completely perfunctory, scene-for-scene 1998 stab at Hitchcock's *Psycho*.

Leeching off Joseph Stefano's original screenplay and Hitch's masterful storyboards, Van Sant's redux was a preposterous art house stunt that alienated casual viewers and raised the bile of purists worldwide. The most compelling remakes are ones driven by filmmakers with defined aesthetics. David Cronenberg's operatic re-thinking of the beloved '50s B-movie chiller *The Fly*



Alex (Arielle Kebbel, left) and Anna (Emily Browning, right) are united in their suspicions about their father's new fiancée in the haunting suspense thriller *The Uninvited*.

works because the director chose to simply take the framework of the original and graft his own, very personal sensibilities on to it.

Similarly, Alejandro Amenabar's Spanish psychological drama *Open Your Eyes* was recast with Tom Cruise in the lead and remade by Cameron Crowe in 1999 as *Vanilla Sky* to great effect. Crowe's version obeys the mind

bending narrative of the original but is saturated with the pop music and cocky dialogue Crowe so adores.

Time will reveal if *The Uninvited* can stand on its own as a relevant remake but the fact remains that Hollywood is still far too financially frightened to take theatrical chances on foreign product without bankable stars.

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United in TV watching

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THE ELECTRONIC HEARTH DIMS? The coverage of Barack Obama's inauguration yesterday was as uninteresting as it was overwrought, but the best thing I read about the event was written by Eric Deggans of the St. Petersburg Times on his blog.

With the Super Bowl in two weeks, it's worth noting that there aren't a lot of events that can guarantee the networks massive numbers any more. Football's biggest game is one, a big deal reality competition show like Idol is another, and a presidential inauguration is still in the running, especially when it's freighted with so much "history," as we've been so persistently reminded.

A major disaster or news event also counts, but I can remember a day when the

list was longer, and included the network TV debut of a blockbuster film, or the final episode of a much-loved TV show, all of which seemed to empty the streets, malls, bars and movie theatres. Hell, I remember when the world seemed to stand still for the funeral of Lyndon Johnson, in the midst of Watergate's political and social turmoil.

Deggans wonders just how much longer we'll find ourselves gathered, alone or in a group, in front of the TV, as part of some communal ritual of witnessing: "In today's super-fragmented media environment," he writes, "little beyond American Idol and the Super Bowl can draw us together around TV's electronic hearth. Once upon a time, everyone could remember where they were when news broke that President Kennedy was shot or Saigon had fallen. These days, when even the selection of a vice president is announced by text message, that memory is gone, swallowed by technology's new ability to bring us instant reporting from just about anywhere to wherever."



MAX WHITAKER/GETTY IMAGES

Will you remember where you were when Barack Obama was sworn in as the next president of the United States?

For previous generations, Deggans cites the moon landing as a magnet that drew them to the TV, to which I'd add John F. Kennedy's assassination and funeral, while before that TV and radio competed as the focus of the public witness. He recalls where he was when the Challenger space shuttle exploded (I was a fresh college drop-out, watching the news on the TV sets in the electronics department at the Simpsons store where I was working), and the 9/11 attacks (in bed talking wedding plans with the woman who's now my wife).

Technology moves fast — eight years ago, I would have

doubted that my VCR would be gathering dust, replaced by a pumped-up cable box that recorded shows at the touch of a button, or that my CD collection would have been distilled into a hard drive on the top of my computer with a whopping terabyte of memory.

As the viewing experience atomizes and the generations accustomed to ritual witnessing move on, that communal sense of a moment will dissolve, as news — and "history" — becomes more commonplace, like text crawl running at the bottom of our screens.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Entertainment in brief

FILM FESTIVAL Expanding its video-on-demand offerings, independent distributor and cable channel IFC Films is partnering with the South by Southwest Film Conference and Festival to present five movies on IFC Festival Direct simultaneous with their appearance at the March film festival in Austin, Texas. **REUTERS**

AWARDS The Online Film Critics Society, which consists of Internet-based film critics, has named WALL-E best picture of the year. The film also picked up an award for original screenplay and was hailed as best animated film. The Dark Night and Swedish vampire movie Let the Right One In also earned four. **REUTERS**

January, 2009

Dearest Ottawa,

It has been a long time since we last corresponded.

We've been through a lot together - dear Queen Victoria passed on, we experienced two World Wars and weathered through a Great Depression. The Ottawa Senators played their first game, women earned the right to vote and personal computers became household necessities.

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*All the best in
the New Year,*

35 George St. Ottawa • 613.241.7471 • www.artottawa.ca**critics' corner****In brief**

CELEBRITY Quincy Jones, the Grammy Award-winning producer and composer, is following the lead of U2 frontman Bono by becoming a guest columnist as newspapers look for new ways to entice readers and survive an advertising slump. Jones, 75, kicked off a new series in the Tribune Newspapers on Monday, offering his perspective on Barack Obama as the United States celebrated Martin Luther King Day. **REUTERS**

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Spears to pen autobiography
Singer Britney Spears is set to become an author — and a very well paid one, at that. Spears has reportedly signed a \$20 million deal to write her autobiography once her Circus tour is done later this year, according to the N.Y. Daily Mail. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Affleck won't talk about baby name

BABY What's the hidden meaning behind Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner's newborn daughter's name? The actors won't say, reports usmagazine.com

"That's something that is going to stay in our family," Affleck told Entertainment Tonight when asked about the unusual moniker, Seraphina.

He then said Seraphina and her older sister Violet, 3, are doing "wonderful."

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Cross' husband has cancer

HEALTH Marcia Cross' husband, stockbroker Tom Mahoney, has been diagnosed with cancer, people.com is reporting.

"He is currently under treatment and is responding very well," the actress' rep Heidi Sian tells People magazine. The two were married in June 2006, and have 23-month-old fraternal twin daughters, Eden and Savannah.

Cross has credited her husband's love and support for her own happiness.

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Pitt muses on his mortality

ROLE While in Berlin for the European premiere of The Curious Case of Benjamin Button, Brad Pitt took some time to muse on mortality. "I'm not so afraid of getting old," Pitt told reporters while discussing the film, in which he plays a man who ages backward.

"I'm more afraid of how I'll go. Fire and tight spaces don't appeal. A shark would be interesting."

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Cannon likes 'Mr. Carey' name

MARRIAGE Nick Cannon likes being known as "Mr. Carey," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actor-and-rapper — who married Mariah Carey following a whirlwind romance last year — doesn't mind when people say his wife is more famous than him, claiming he just takes the teasing in his stride.

Asked how he feels when people say cruel things about his wife, Nick replied: "My heart goes out to my wife every time she has to hear something like that. I don't care about nothing, I'm just silly. I make fun of me all the time, I'm like, 'Call me Mr. Carey, who cares?'"

Nick added he feels "blessed" to be with Mariah. He told the TV show Extra: "I'm blessed to have a partner that's truly one of those people that affect the world."

Mariah was equally as gushing about her husband, revealing the secret to the couple's happy relationship is that they are not afraid to tell each other exactly how they feel.

She said: "The secret to me is realizing when you meet the right person and being brave enough to dive in and say this is the right person for me. We have fun like nobody's business."

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Will Foxx continue Obama imitations?

CAREER Jamie Foxx might have already lined up his next big movie role, usmagazine.com reports.

The actor, who imitated Barack Obama at the We Are One kick-off concert at the Lincoln Memorial on Sunday, seemed ready to portray the then president-elect.

"Oh, I don't know," Foxx told usmagazine.com at the Declare Yourself event at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, D.C. on Sunday. "He's going to do his own movie for the next four to eight years."

"It's going to be incredible," Foxx added.

Foxx, who recently began discussing politics on his Sirius radio show called The Foxxhole, tells Us magazine that his listeners have responded to Obama's message.

"He straightens us up, but he straightens us up cool, even when he walked out today," Foxx tells Us magazine.

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Cyrus lectured by church pastor

RELATIONSHIP Miley Cyrus was lectured by her church pastor for sending text messages to her boyfriend, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 16-year-old Hannah Montana star and model Justin Gaston, 20, reportedly infuriated the minister by communicating through their mobile phones during a service at their place of worship in Montrose, California.

The pastor was said to be so upset

he took them both aside to speak about their behaviour. A source told America's Star magazine: "They thought they could fool people, but Miley couldn't stop giggling."

Despite the age difference between Miley and Justin, the singer-and-actress

says her family approve of their relationship because the underwear model is "a good Christian guy."

Miley said: "Our families are like, 'Whatever happens, happens.' If he's nothing but a really good friend, that's awesome."

"More than anything, he has really helped me move on from a lot of things. He's a really great Christian guy. He's gone through stuff, and I've gone through stuff, and everyone goes through that."

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Usher talks volunteerism

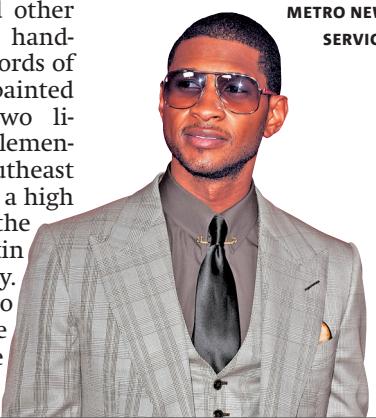
INSPIRATION When Barack Obama urged Americans to embrace a new spirit of community service, Usher took that message to heart, people.com reports.

The pop star pumped up grade-schoolers and other volunteers with handshakes, jokes and words of praise as they repainted walls and built two libraries at Simon Elementary School in southeast D.C. — an area with a high dropout rate — on the afternoon of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

During a feed to Oprah Winfrey's live show from the Kennedy Center

Opera House, the singer talked up the need for volunteerism — even working in a reference to Aristotle — before cuing the kids to yell, "Go serve!" to her audience.

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Winehouse's dad dishes in documentary

HEALTH Amy Winehouse's father says the singer came "close to death" twice during her worst moments, people.com reports.

Detailing his daughter's lowest points for the upcoming TV documentary Saving Amy, Mitch Winehouse says that while the media have been reveling in her downfall, "They didn't see her lying in bed for days in a dark room," he is quoted in Hello! magazine.

"She was close to death twice. We have been working a lot to get her to where she is right now," said the elder Winehouse, who now claims his daughter is drug-free.

Amy's mother, Janis, also

appears in Saving Amy — and is highly critical of Winehouse's husband, Blake Fielder-Civil, who announced last week he is divorcing the singer after seeing photos of her with hunky rugby player Josh Bowman.

This week brought new tabloid reports that Amy Winehouse, 25, has moved from Bowman on to another man at the St. Lucia resort where she is vacationing.

According to femalefirst.co.uk,

Winehouse has enjoyed several dates with a tennis instructor at her St. Lucia hotel.

A source said: "Amy has met another man and they are getting on really well. She has had her eye on him for a while. He is another clean-cut, handsome, healthy bloke, much like Josh."

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Rumour of new Paris sex tape

PEOPLE Rumors are circulating that there's a new Paris Hilton sex tape out there, this one showing the heiress in a "state of arousal in the back of a New York City taxi," according to Britain's the Sun.

There's been no comment from Hilton, who has been spotted multiple times at the Sundance Film Festival making out with MySpace CEO Chris DeWolfe, according to the New York Post.

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Photographer saves Jen's dog

PETS Constant paparazzi surveillance actually paid off for once for Jennifer Aniston.

Apparently her beloved dog, Norman, attempted to run away recently, but was nabbed by a photographer staked outside her Malibu, Calif., home before it could dart into a busy intersection, according to Hollyscoop.

No word on what, if anything, Aniston did as thanks when Norman was returned safe and sound.

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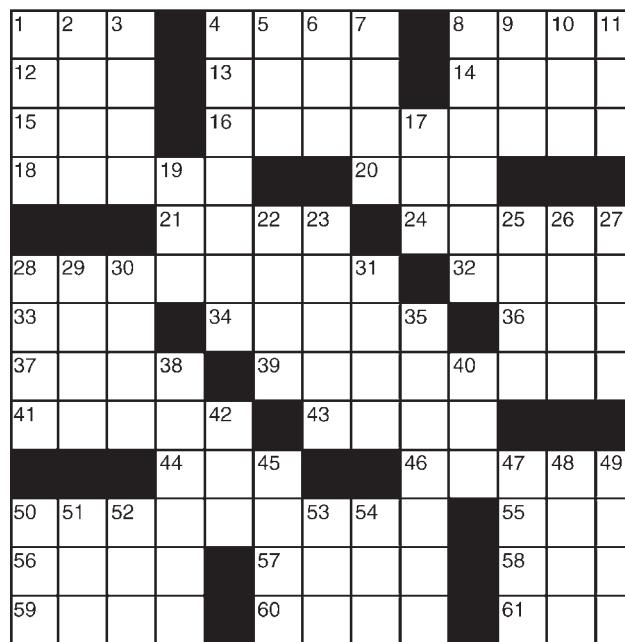
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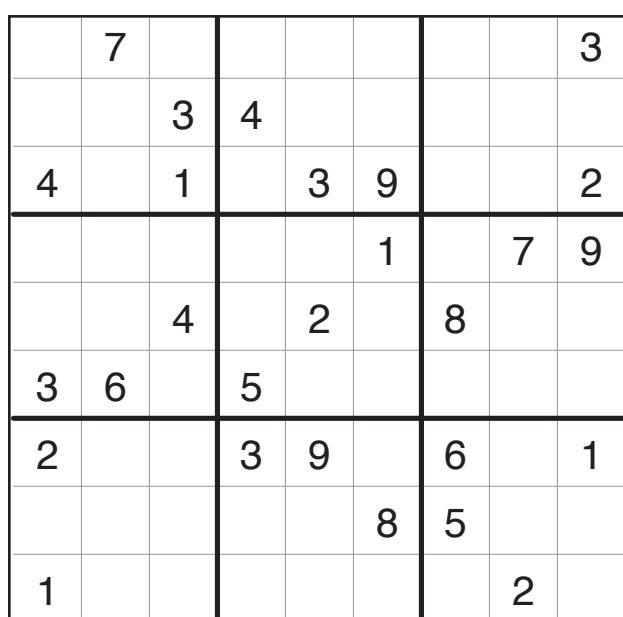
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11 Clumsy craft
17 Corvine call
19 Model Carol
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27 Warmonger
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Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



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17-21 min Smart
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25+ min Keep practising

Horoscopes

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20



TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21



Severe delays will make you very impatient. A middle aged mom will be completely discreet. Being scolded has an outrageous effect on a friend.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23



Force yourself to ask for advice. Don't feel forsaken when someone is malicious. Your enthusiasm causes you to ace a tough task.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22



It's your turn to be supportive to helpful people. Say nothing about someone's filthy lifestyle. A visitor causes awkward laughter.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21



Ignore the comical ravings of a bad boy. Don't argue if someone returns early. Your charisma is needed in the evening.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21



A surprising rebellion causes hopefulness. Ignore complaints made by a skeptical person. Your suspicions will prove to be well-founded.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22



Try to do something that you've never done before. A brute will get in the way of a deal. A bad situation will have a surprise ending.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20



The anticipation of passion deceives a friend. A little guy will thrill you with a discovery. You'll be asked to rescue a friend.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23



A guilty guy has an ulterior motive. An ethical person has an extreme mood change. An anecdote about love will raise questions.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 19



You'll want to make up with someone. A man is saving you from the truth. You'll have to talk about a hostile takeover.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22



Insist that someone take time away from their computer. A weeping victim meets with the authorities. A smarmy relative is telling the truth.

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